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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence**THROUGH: Deputy Director (Support) B/LKH 13 Jan 63****SUBJECT: McLean Fire Department, Inc. - Contract**

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 6 for approval by the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

2. The attached contract for ambulance service (Tab A) is brought forward for your information and approval in view of the congressional interest (Tab B) in this matter and the general problem of public relations.

3. The background of this contract is as follows. Dependable ambulance service for the CIA headquarters installation was an integral part of the medical program in planning for the move to headquarters. To this end, the Medical Staff put in its budget provision for acquisition of an ambulance by the Agency and operation of such ambulance on a 24-hour basis. Further review was made to see whether a more economical method of providing service could be arranged. McLean Fire Department, Inc. has been responding to calls for ambulance service, but this is on a strictly voluntary basis as they have no obligation to provide such service and could refuse it at any time with no recourse on the part of the Agency. This removes one essential element of dependability.

4. The attached contract for a modest fee requires them to provide the service as required by the Agency. This then provides the service at a cost far less than the acquisition and operation by the Agency of its own ambulance. AEC has a similar problem at its Germantown installation. The local volunteer groups are not equipped to provide what is needed so AEC has acquired a "surplus" ambulance from the Department of Defense and keeps drivers available on a 24-hour basis. Maintenance is performed by the General Services Administration. While this does not show any

direct expenditure of funds, nevertheless the cost to the Government is inherently greater and AEC has informally told us that they would prefer a similar contract method if it were available.

5. In connection with a contract of this nature, I refer to section 8 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, which provides in pertinent part that, 'Notwithstanding any other provision of law, sums made available to the Agency by appropriation or otherwise may be expended for purposes necessary to carry out its functions, including--(1) . . . hire of passenger motor vehicles . . . of all kinds ' There appears to be no question that an ambulance is a passenger motor vehicle of a kind.

6. I recommend that the attached contract be implemented.

s/ Lawrence R. Houston

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

Attachments
Tabs A & B

The recommendation in
paragraph 6 is approved

(Signed) Marshall S. Carter

MARSHALL S. CARTER
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

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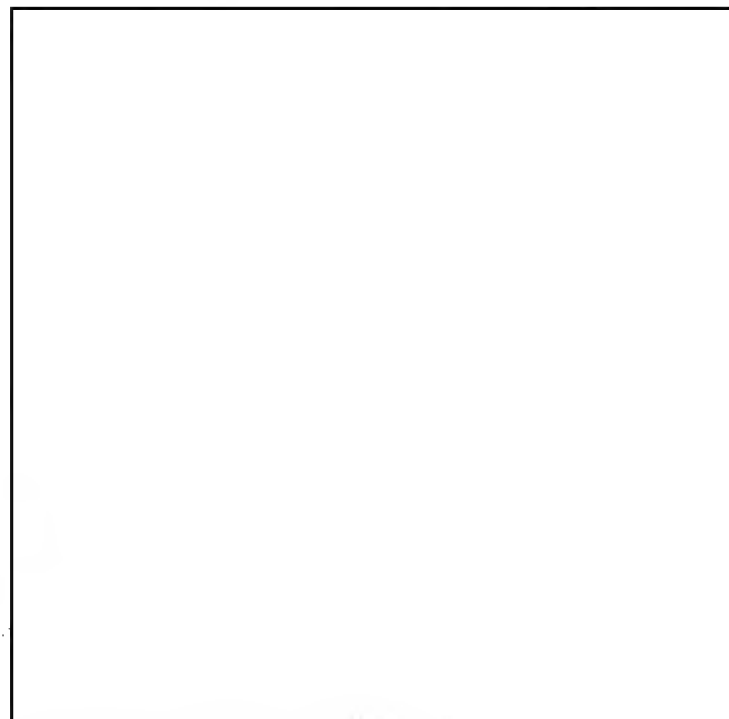
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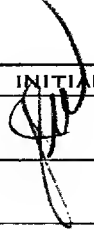
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